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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, SHELTON JAYASINGHE, HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY S ASSISTANCE IN TRACING A ONE MILLION US DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION FROM INTERNATIONAL FUNDING AND INSURANCE ASSOCIATES, WORCESTER, MASS., TO A LOCAL CHARITY.
2. ACCORDING TO THE ONLY DOCUMENT IN THE MINISTER S POSSESSION, INTERNATIONAL FUNDING PRESIDENT, JACOB J. GORDON, TRANSFERRED ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOME ENTERPRISES, COLOMBO, A WELL-KNOWN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE ON JUNE 9, 1976. THESE FUNDS ARE NOW HELD BY THE CENTRAL BANK OF CEYLON.
3. THE CHARITY WISHES TO BUY SOME PROPERTY NORTH OF COLOMBO TO START A SMALL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, BUT THE FUNDS CAN NOT BE RELEASED WITHOUT THE MINISTER S APPROVAL. THE MINISTER KNOWS VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOME ENTERPRISES TO BE A REPUTABLE ORGANIZATION, BUT WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE US DONOR AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION BEFORE RELEASING THE MONEY.
4. ACTION REQUESTED: THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT CONTACTING JACOB J. GORDON OF INTERNATIONAL FUNDING AND INSURANCE ASSOCIATES FOR INFORMATION ON THE SOURCE OF THE ONE MILLION

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DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION AND TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF THESE FUNDS BY VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOME ENTERPRISES. ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ABOUT INTERNATIONAL FUNDING (IT IS NOT LISTED IN THE EMBASSY S DUNN AND BRADSTREET) WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.
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